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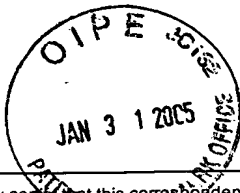
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 8, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A two-month extension petition is submitted herewith.